

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

July 12, 2021

7:00 p.m.

(No audio) (Mr. Brandgard calls the July 12 Town Council meeting to order)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Everyone stands for the Pledge of Allegiance)

ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM

Mr. Brandgard: Let the record show that all members are in attendance, and we have a quorum for conducting business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brandgard: We have a short consent agenda this evening.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 28, 2021.
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket of Expenditures and Affidavits of Payroll, per the Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
3. Approval of the Human Resources Report dated July 9, 2021.
4. Approval for the Plainfield Economic Improvement District to amend their budget by \$4,615.00 for bus shelter maintenance and insurance, per Town Manager report.
5. Approval of an agreement with AT&T in the amount of \$23,382.44 for utility relocation at the Government Center project, per the Development Services report. (Funded US 40 TIF).
6. Approval to submit a State Water Infrastructure Fund grant application for improvements to the North Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Mill Street Sewer Separation, per the Development Services report.

Are there any additions or corrections to the consent agenda?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: If not, I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Mr. Angle: Move to approve as read.

Mr. McPhail: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda as read. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget – yes
Mr. Angle – yes
Mr. Kirchoff – yes
Mr. McPhail – yes
Mr. Brandgard – yes

The Plainfield Town Council consent agenda for 7/12/2021 is adopted & approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

BID AWARD

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have a bid award for Plainfield Logistics Park Water Main Extension?

Mr. Belcher: I have a recommendation on that. We received a single bid at the last Council meeting, from Midwest Mole, and they are a contractor very capable of doing this work. That's why we went ahead with the opening of only one bidder. In the current market environment, the price was higher than we wanted, but we still would recommend award to Midwest Mole in the amount of \$997,777.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Do we have a motion to approve the report?

Mr. Bridget: So moved

Mr. Kirchoff: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the report from the committee and award the bid for the Water Main Extension to Midwest Mole, in the amount of \$997,777. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you.

Mr. Belcher: Thank you

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Brandgard: Is there any business from the floor this evening?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Hardin: Gentlemen, John Hardin, 1758 Rachel Drive, Plainfield. Three quick topics if I may. First off, I know it's a little belated; nobody in this town uses your heavy trash service more than I do; I just want to commend DPW and Ray's for all the help they give people down there unloading and getting that stuff sorted out and what have you. You would think it's self service but it's not; those guys go out of their way to help you, so pass it on if you would. Number two, stormwater situation in my neighborhood. Many years ago, they put in a storm sewer system right at the corner, right at the bottom of Rachel and Ramsey where they come together; there's four grates there or what have you; they work terrific. Then they came along and paved three fourths of the street. They came down Ramsey, they came round the corner and basically went

to the cul-de-sac at Rachel, right there in front of my house and they stopped. I'm not faulting anybody who done the job down there but one of the biggest problems we're having right now is we're having a lot of water pooling where the old and the new asphalt stops, right in front of my neighbor's house on the first block there of Rachel Drive. The other problem we have down there is on the north curb where they went from that house down to the storm drains, they paved a little high, especially around the curb edge, and water comes around that curve of the cul-de-sac and heads east about 50 feet and then it just flows across the street, over to the south side and continues its journey down to the storm sewer. I'm sure most people would say, "okay fine, it makes it to the storm sewer." Well, that's great until the winter when we have one of those melt offs, water comes down the street, flows across there, freezes, and we have about a 100-foot-long skating rink. Especially when you're coming off that curve right there on Rachel, onto that skating rink, I'm surprised we haven't had a situation yet. I think it's an easy resolution if they just come down and look at it and do something with that north curb down to the storm drain; they can probably alleviate the biggest problem there. I'm surprised nobody else has brought it to the town's attention yet; it seems like I have a silent neighborhood down there.

Mr. Brandgard: (microphone not on) (inaudible) Thank you for bringing it to us.

Mr. Hardin: Sure, well it's right in front of my house and I actually do have a video from the last time we had a rain. Mind you, it was a bigger rain, but it will give whoever is responsible to overlook this – I'll be glad to show the video to them and they can plainly see, at this time we had about a 3-foot-wide flow of water going down the street. It just comes down and goes right across in front of Ms. Redmond's house and continues east, down to the storm drains. And the storm drains work great; the water just takes an unusual path. And like I say, in the wintertime, it's a hazard.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mr. Hardin: Third topic is one that kind of touches me personally. I noticed recently when I was going down U.S. 40 on Independence Day, flags were missing. And they may have been missing for a while and this was just the first time I noticed it, but flags on flagpoles were not up. Gentlemen, I'm a lifelong resident of Plainfield; I'm the third of five generations of Hardins of my particular family that live in Plainfield. We're not new to town; we've been here a long time. I can remember when we used to have flags on the light poles literally from Avon Avenue, all the way up to S.R. 267, Quaker Boulevard, if I'm not mistaken. The banners went up, and the banners are great. Actually, I had three relatives on those banners last year: my grandfather, my father and my brother. I couldn't be more humbled to see them up there, but I really enjoy seeing the flags, especially when they blow in the breeze. I'd like to see them come back; I don't know what reason they weren't put up this time, or if they've been discontinued, or taken in place by the banners, but banners are banners and flags are flags. The first thing I noticed when I went to the website today is that all five of you have a great picture online, sitting in front of the American flag. I go down to Mooresville Park where my grandson plays baseball down there; five years old but the first thing they do at Pioneer Park – they have a flag in the park and by God when the game starts, everybody stops, comes to attention and they play the National Anthem on the darn loud, loudspeaker, and everybody honors the flag. Gentlemen, I would truly like to see those flags put back up on those light poles, even if it can only be done from Carr Road down to Quaker Boulevard. I know the new light poles, the green ones, might cause a problem because I notice that they don't quite have the smooth texture, if you will, more of a rippled texture compared to the old aluminum poles, but as a longtime Plainfield resident, family of a Veteran, a Veterans family would sure like to see those put back up on every holiday where they're appropriate. Thank you for your time gentlemen.

Mr. Brandgard: John, thank you. While you're still here I'd ask – Shannon, can we take a look at that down there – as far as what's going on with the road and the water flow? I'll ask Andrew, what happened to the flags?

Mr. Klinger: I will have to check in with Jason on that. So, we did put up the Veterans banners along that area there and I think that we just didn't put the flags up; we kind of did an exchange

for the banners instead. And I know the flags we had were getting a little ragged and so needed to be replaced. But I'll check in with Jason and see what the status is, and see if there's a way that we can incorporate the flags back in. I haven't been here nearly as long, but I have always appreciated the flags on U.S. 40 too.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, I thought we had the flags and the banners both up.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, and I thought we did last year – yeah, so I'll have to look into that and see what happened.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mr. Klinger: I do know that we did, through the – who was it? – who was it that did the flags on Red Pride?

(inaudible)

Mr. Klinger: The Optimist Club, yeah, thank you. So, the Optimist Club did put up the flags on Red Pride Boulevard over the holiday weekend, and I think those who saw that really appreciated it. So, that was done this year, but I'm not sure what happened on U.S. 40, so we'll dig into that.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Hardin: Gentlemen, thank you for your time.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Is there any other business from the floor this evening?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: If not, we'll go to staff reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Brandgard: Tim, do you have anything to...? Scott? Chief McKee?

Mr. McKee: Good evening. I just want to show our new recruitment video that we just finished and released on Monday, with our new recruitment strategy. This was really nothing other than we kind of gave the reins to Gude Pro and said, "We'd like a recruitment video." Stephanie back there in the back would probably be humble about it but she helped out quite a bit, and I think the end product will just speak volumes for itself.

(Recruitment video is shown)

Mr. Brandgard: Chief, thanks for bringing that in. When I saw that at the Police Commissioners meeting last week I said, that's got to come before us so we can see it. And as I understand it, that was unscripted; all the officers spoke from what they wanted to say and there were no scripts. That's a great video. Bill, anything from IT? Kevin, anything from Planning?

Mr. Whaley: No, that video was too tough of an act to follow.

Mr. Brandgard: Stephanie, anything from Communications? Brent, anything from Parks? Todd? Shannon, anything from DPW? Brent, anything from...? Nate? Not staff, but I'll ask – Mark, anything? Mel?

Mr. Daniel: Nothing tonight, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: I think I've called everybody – Brad, do you have anything you want to share with us from the Chamber?

Mr. DuBois: Just really quick – I did make an application with INDOT, and we are approved by the state to have a parade again this year; same location. So, hopefully that's okay with you guys; I probably should have come and ask you first. I put the cart before the horse, but anyway, yeah, were approved by the state.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mr. DuBois: And I talked to Chief McKee, and I think we're good to go.

Mr. Angle: Great

Mr. Brandgard: Great, thank you.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brandgard: Andrew, anything from the Town Manager?

Mr. Klinger: So, you know when nobody has anything to report and you have a light agenda, all that means is that either the next meeting or the one after that is going to be stacked. I do have a few items this evening. First, I just want to point out a few things on the agenda for later this evening. Ordinance No. 16 – it was mentioned in the reporting; it's up for Third Reading and Adoption, however there is a public hearing required for this Ordinance because I believe it institutes a new fine. And so, due to the Fourth of July weekend the newspaper was not able to publish the ordinance in a timely way, to have that public hearing tonight, so staff is requesting that you table that item until the next meeting, and the public hearing will be scheduled for the next meeting. And then there are also two zoning map amendments – and I'll just remind you that we read those certifications in last meeting, but the ordinances weren't quite ready for that, so they're on the agenda tonight. And then one other item I wanted to bring up is the solid waste, trash, and recycling bid. There had been some previous discussion about putting that service out for bid again, and as Jason and I sat down and started talking about – Mel has already prepared some documents to put that out for bid – but as Jason and I were talking about what the scope of services would look like, we realized there are some outstanding kind of policy questions about what types of services do you as a Council want to see as part of that bid. Because there have been conversations over the last several years about changes to recycling, bin size and things like that, and neither Jason or I felt like we were in the position to make those decisions. So, what we are suggesting is we would have a bid committee formed and what we would look for is two Council members who are willing to participate in that process, be part of that bid committee with myself, Jason, and then we would probably have Steve Dyson sit in on it from a budget standpoint, to kind of work through some of those questions and put together some bid specs which would include probably some alternatives, right. So, there might be some things where you just want to know how much it costs if we did this and build that into the specs as alternates before we would bring that back to the whole Council and look to actually go post that bid. Time is somewhat of the essence; we don't want to be making any changes to bins and things late in the year, so we kind of want to get the process moving over these next couple of months so we can get the bid out and get bids back in a timely way so we can make that transition while we still have decent weather basically. So, I'm expecting it's going to take us 90 days or whatever, so we want to get moving. So really, the question right now is are there two of you who would like to participate in that? Dan, I know you're on the Solid Waste District, so you were one person I thought of.

Mr. Bridget: Yeah, I'd be happy to.

Mr. Klinger: You'd be a good contact, so if you're willing, we'd be happy to have you. And if there's anyone else also interested in being a part of that...

Mr. Brandgard: Bill?

Mr. Kirchoff: Sure

Mr. Angle: I'm happy to help if need be. More than happy to volunteer.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mr. Klinger: All right, so I didn't follow that. Who do we have? I see Dan saying yes.

Mr. Angle: Robin said "Bill" at the same time I said I'd be happy to help.

Mr. Kirchoff: You're welcome to.

Mr. Angle: I think Bill had deferred to me, so I volunteer to be part of the committee.

Mr. Klinger: Got it

Mr. Bridget: It's a good opportunity to work together.

Mr. Klinger: All right, well I appreciate that.

Mr. Brandgard: I apologize, I didn't see your head...

Mr. Angle: Oh, that's okay.

Mr. Klinger: Jason is still on vacation right now, but we will try and get a meeting scheduled for when he gets back, so we can get the process going. Appreciate it. That's all I had unless you had questions for me.

Mr. Brandgard: Nope

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, any old business?

(Mr. McPhail indicates no)

Mr. Bridget: One point of old business Mr. President. I'd like to thank Bill Castetter and Chase for all the work that they've done coordinating things for the parking structure. I've been sort of the main contact point through the CDC and we've had some typical start up things that weren't exactly correct, that needed to be corrected; we had some security issues that we wanted to address with camera angles, lighting, and that kind of thing; we had some leak issues that we had to get to the bottom of, and these guys have just quietly done a really, really good job of getting it done, and I'd just like to say thank you to both of them.

Mr. Klinger: Chase isn't here today, but we can pass it on.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Bill?

(Mr. Kirchoff indicates no)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, new business?

Mr. McPhail: (microphone not on) I do have a couple of items, that was quite a report, I think 32 buildings that have been determined need worked on; I appreciate that, and I hope you keep pursuing that. I did appreciate that. The second item I'd like to bring up for conversation – you

know, our ordinance requires that any venue serving alcohol has to go before the BZA, and in some instances it delays the restaurant getting opened and that type of thing. I just wonder if maybe we need to look at that ordinance and see if there's any interest in maybe adjusting that in any manner. If an applicant's a full-service restaurant and a large percentage of their sales is food, we may want to look at that as a special exception.

Mr. Angle: Kent, at what stage are they required to come to the BZA?

Mr. McPhail: Anybody who serves alcohol of any kind has to go to the BZA as a special exemption. And I know we've had a couple of restaurants that got delayed their opening because they had to go through that process. So, just food for thought.

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, thank you. That may be something we ought to look at; I'm not sure what or how we would do it.

Mr. McPhail: Yeah

Mr. Brandgard: As we're looking at other ordinances, making sure they work as we intended them to...

Mr. Angle: To some degree there's got to be an original reason why it was brought to the BZA. So, I think a little bit more intel from staff on that, maybe a recommendation at the next meeting or something like that.

Mr. Kirchoff: Are there state statutes?

Mr. Daniel: I'm sorry, Bill?

Mr. Kirchoff: Are there state statutes along that line?

Mr. Daniel: Yes, they have to have a state license, period, before they even – most of them have their other permits before they even come to the town.

Mr. Klinger: Right. Well, Kevin and his team are working through our ordinances so I'm sure it is something that they can take a hard look at and evaluate. And yeah, I kind of get your point; I think there's times where that special exception process has worked for us when there's been unique entities who have introduced alcohol service, but if it's just a typical restaurant type of operation, maybe – I can see where you might want to draw the line in a slightly different place. So, that's something we'll have staff start to dig into and be able to provide some more information about.

Mr. McPhail: I would appreciate that, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you.

Mr. Angle: Mr. President, I just have a couple of quick remarks based upon some staff reports, that I think are worth mentioning in the public forum here. One is, Chief Brent Anderson in his report mentioned that we had three or four individuals who are part of the Plainfield Fire Territory team that responded with the Indiana Task Force to Surfside, Florida. A building collapsed, and they're still serving in that capacity for another week or two at least. And so, I really just wanted to call out that effort in a public forum and let our constituents know that our team is out there helping.

Mr. Anderson: I appreciate that and I'm sure they appreciate your support as well. Nothing official but they demobed one team – there's five Type 1 task forces out there right now – they demobed the Ohio team yesterday or this morning. Hopefully they're going to demob one team each day, so sometime this week. I'm going to say the earliest we see our guys back in town is Friday or Saturday and then obviously they'll take some rehab time and stuff. They're doing good work down there; it's something they've never experienced, something none of us have probably

Mr. McPhail – yes

Mr. Brandgard – yes

Plainfield Town Council Resolution No. 2021-45 is adopted & approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. We also have Resolution No. 2021-46 – A Resolution Adopting a Written Fiscal Plan and Establishing a Policy for the Provision of Town Services to an Annexed Area - Hochreiter Property (SW Corner of Hadley Road and S. Center Street).

Mr. Bridget: Move to approve.

Mr. Angle: I'll second.

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve Resolution No. 2021-46. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

- Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget – yes
- Mr. Angle – yes
- Mr. Kirchoff – yes
- Mr. McPhail – yes
- Mr. Brandgard – yes

Plainfield Town Council Resolution No. 2021-46 is adopted & approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

ORDINANCES

Mr. Brandgard: We also have two ordinances that are Single Reading. Ordinance No: 17-2021 – An Ordinance to Amend the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance and Zone Map of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Take Effect (Hobbs Station Planned Unit Development).

Mr. McPhail: Move to approve.

Mr. Bridget: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Single Reading of Ordinance No: 17-2021. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

- Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget – yes
- Mr. Angle – yes
- Mr. Kirchoff – yes
- Mr. McPhail – yes
- Mr. Brandgard – yes

Single Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 17-2021 is approved & adopted.

Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget – yes
Mr. Angle – yes
Mr. Kirchoff – yes
Mr. McPhail – yes
Mr. Brandgard – yes

The third reading of Ordinance No. 16-2021 has been tabled.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Kirchoff: Andrew, do we have a sense of when some of our budget sessions might begin to be scheduled?

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, Melanie is going to begin working on scheduling those this week for the end of July, last week of July/first week of August.

Mr. Kirchoff: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Is there anything else to come before the Council this evening?

(Brief pause)

ADJOURN

Mr. Brandgard: If nothing else, I'd entertain a motion to sign the documents requiring signature and adjourn.

Mr. Angle: So moved.

Mr. McPhail: Second

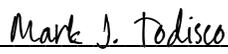
Mr. Brandgard: All those in favor?

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you.

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